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Senator Scott Urges Caution in Selection of Building Contractors

(LANSING) – With the home building and repair season upon us, State Senator Martha G. Scott is urging consumers to choose their building contractors carefully. Senator Scott is warning current or potential homeowners that not all building contractors are created equal.

“Unfortunately, my office receives complaints every year from homeowners who feel they have been taken advantage of by unscrupulous building contractors,” said Sen. Scott. “By taking just a few common sense precautions you can prevent a shady contractor from ruining your home improvement dreams.”

Senator Scott suggested the following steps to ensure that your next home building or home improvement project doesn’t end in disappointment:

- Select a licensed contractor.
- Request several references. Ask for names, addresses and phone numbers.
- Get estimates from different contractors to compare prices; make sure the estimate provided is the “total” price.
- Get all agreements in writing and read the contract carefully.
- Never pay for the entire job in advance.
- Make a deposit when work begins to cover materials and startup costs.
- Make scheduled payments as work progresses.
- Try to resolve any problems before you make the final payment.
- Always pay by check (made payable to name of company); and always get a receipt.

To learn more about how to protect you and your family from disreputable building contractors, visit www.michigan.gov/builders.

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Senator Scott represents the 2nd Senate District, which includes areas of Detroit and the cities of Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Highland Park and all of the Grosse Pointes. She serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee.